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ABSTRACT

This biography for younger readers describes the life of Rosa Parks, the Alabama black woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a segregated bus helped establish the civil rights movement. The book is introduced by an overview of the movement by Andrew Young and a timeline indicating major historical events from 1954 through 1968. Highlights in the life of Rosa Parks include the following: (1) birth in 1913 in Pine Level (Alabama); (2) appointment in 1943 as secretary of the Montgomery (Alabama) branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); (3) organization of an NAACP youth group in Montgomery in 1954; (4) attendance at the Highlander Folk School in 1955; (5) arrest in Montgomery in 1955 for breaking the bus segregation law, sparking a major bus boycott; (6) move to Detroit in 1957; (7) honoring at the March on Washington in 1963; (8) participation in the Selma to Montgomery march in 1965; (9) work in Michigan Congressman John Conyers' office in 1965; (10) election to the board of the Detroit NAACP branch in 1986; and (11) featured appearance with Jesse Jackson at the Democratic National Convention in 1988. The book includes timetables of events in Parks' life, suggested reading, and a list of 12 sources. (AF)

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